



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Committee of Consumer Services

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee of Consumer Services Held In Room 4A of the Heber M Wells Building, Salt Lake City, on 08 February 2005

Dee Jay Hammon called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. in Room 4A, Heber M. Wells Building.

Members of the Committee in Attendance:

Kent Bateman
Franz Amussen

Dee Jay Hammon
Kelly Casaday

Betsy Wolf

Staff in Attendance:

Roger Ball
Eric Orton
Christine Keyser
Kevin Hale

Dan Gimble
Reed Warnick
Cheryl Murray
Oliwia Smith

Chris Jepsen
Paul Proctor
Kelly Francone

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Dave Anderton

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Dee Jay Hammon welcomed all those attending the meeting, and apologized for the absence of Ryan Atkinson.

2. Consideration of Several Contract Amendments

Roger Ball discussed contract amendments.

2.1 Franz Amussen proposed to add \$47,300 to the contract of Hill & Associates. Kent Bateman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.2 Betsy Wolf proposed to add \$12,000 to the current contract with Yankel & Associates. Kelly Casaday seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.3 Betsy Wolf proposed to add \$98,065 and extend the termination dates of the contract with Nancy Kelly through 31 December 2006. Kent Bateman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2.4 Kent Bateman proposed to extend the current contract with Hayet Power Systems to 31 December 2005 and add an additional \$51,000 to the current contract amount.

Franz Amussen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Legislative Update

3.1 Senate Bill 26 – Public Utilities Amendments (Open Bidding)

Kelly Francone explained the substance of SB 26 and the language changes before the bill goes before the Committee. The bill will go before a Legislative Standing Committee on 09 February 2005.

3.2 Senate Bill 108 – Telecommunications Revisions (Qwest)

Paul Proctor explained the various provisions associated with SB 108. The bill passed in the senate 26-0, and the vote was unanimous in the house.

3.3 Appropriations – Roger Ball talked about the Appropriations Committee. He discussed that the final meetings for the Appropriations Committee were on 07 February 2005. He also indicated that the new budget for this next fiscal year would be basically unchanged. There are certain additions for pay increases, cost of living and so forth.

4. Closed Meeting

Kelly Casaday proposed that the Committee go into executive session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation issues. Kent Bateman seconded the proposal and it passed unanimously.

Franz Amussen proposed that the Committee return to open session. Kelly Casaday seconded the proposal and it was passed unanimously.

5. Motion on Matters Discussed in Closed Meeting

5.1 The Motion was made by Kent Bateman to approve the stipulation presented, with the recognition that the staff be authorized to negotiate the details that are appropriate/proper to bring this to conclusion. Betsy Wolf seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

5.2 The Motion to continue with the direction on reaching an accord, with respect to the quality and safety issues on the gas was made by Kelly Casaday. Franz Amussen seconded and it passed with unanimous vote.

6 Other Business

6.1 House Bill 320 – Utility Regulatory Reform

Roger described this bill as a Box Car Bill, just waiting to be filed.

6.2 House Bill 145 – Amendments to Hearing and Speech Impaired Telecommunications Program.

Oliwia explicated the bill. Open discussion followed on whether or not the Committee should follow this bill or to oppose it. Oliwia mentioned a meeting scheduled with Representative Goodfellow on 08 February 2005 to discuss the bill. The Committee agreed to meet with Rep. Goodfellow in order to discuss the bill, but the Committee will not follow it beyond that point.

6.3 Space and Funding Issue.

Dee Jay Hammon discussed the use of CCS office space for other members of the Department of Commerce. He talked about the money the Committee spent on the office and that other personnel in the building should not use it. Dee Jay would like to bring this matter to Executive Director Skousen's attention. Kent Bateman moved on the Committee support with this matter and Franz Amussen seconded the motion with a unanimous vote of support from the Committee.

6.4 Terms of Members of Public Service Commission

Roger discussed Connie White, who would like to be appointed to one more term on the Public Service Commission. This is her second term. Roger also talked about the Committee not supporting any particular candidate for the position. The Committee agreed.

Kelly Casaday proposed that the meeting adjourn. The meeting ended at 12:15 p.m.